

**DUBLIN SHOCKED BY DEATH**

Near Prepared to Discuss Effect of Griffith's Death on Future of Ireland.

Dublin, August 12.—Dublin was shocked early today to learn of the sudden death of Arthur Griffith, president of the Irish Free State, and everywhere it was commented on as one of the most tragic and wholly unexpected events in troubled Ireland.

Death came at a nursing home, apparently from heart attack following an operation a few days ago for tonsillitis. Few people in Dublin even knew that the recent worker for the free state cause had been ill. Immediately signs of mourning were displayed, flags were set at half mast on buildings and ships in the harbor.

The first question on all sides was what effect the death of the leader would have on the solution of the problems before the provisional government. His colleague, Michael Collins, recently has devoted his attention almost entirely to the military operations against the irregulars, while the country looked to Mr. Griffith to manage the civil affairs until the rebellion was suppressed.

Though president of the Irish Free State, Mr. Griffith held no ministerial portfolio. William Cosgrave, minister of local government, acted as head of the Irish executives during Mr. Griffith's illness.

The president's associates were stupefied by the news of his death, not one of them was prepared to discuss its effects, but they all agreed that Ireland had sustained a great loss.

The death of Arthur Griffith marks the passing of one of the foremost figures in modern Ireland. He was one of the most conspicuous leaders in the creation of the new Irish free state.

He was one of the founders of the Sinn Fein movement in Ireland, and from the beginning had been among the foremost leaders directing its activities. He had been somewhat out of the limelight, however, during the recent military activities, which have been largely directed on behalf of the Free State forces, by Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government set up under the terms of the Anglo-Irish treaty.

Mr. Griffith was formerly an editor of Dublin, and later established the newspaper United Irishman, followed by the Sinn Fein and then the Nationalist.

He first attracted attention by his uncompromising attitude for abstention by Irish members from attendance at British sessions of parliament at Westminster. His idea gradually formed the nucleus of the Sinn Fein organization which took the place of the Irish nationalist movement.

In October, 1919, Griffith was elected president of the opening of the Sinn Fein conference in Dublin. He was later nominated as Sinn Fein delegate from East Cavate. During the peace conference at Paris in 1919 he was chosen as the Irish delegate to present the Irish case, but failure to get a safe conduct from the British government prevented his attendance.

In July, 1919, Griffith was elected meeting president of the Irish national assembly in the absence of Eamon de Valera, who was in the United States. In October of the same year he was elected president of the provisional government of the new Irish organization.

Griffith was arrested in Dublin in November, 1920, and held in an American military camp at Camp Croft, Camp Pendleton, California, and later transferred to a military prison at Fort Belknap, Louisiana, and again to the extended military prison at Camp Greenleaf, Florida. He was released on parole in Dublin, and was arrested again on his return to Dublin.

His death has caused the suspension of a democratic election for the president of the new Irish free state, the killing of the president of the Southern States. The death of Griffith was a great loss to the Irish nation. He was a man of great character and high ideals. His death has caused the death of a man of great character and high ideals. His death has caused the death of a man of great character and high ideals.

**GENERAL NEWS NOTES**

Happenings That Have Occurred All Over the World.

Eighty cars of coal arrived in Spartanburg Saturday and were immediately taken charge of by Railroad Commissioner Frank Shealy to be distributed. This shipment relieved the famine to some extent, but does not begin to supply the urgent demand.

Union county claims the oldest woman voter in the state—Mrs. Susan Kirby, whose age is 197 years. The next oldest so far as reported is Mrs. Emily Campbell of Marlboro county.

The "Opportunity School" at Lauder college, Greenwood, has nearly one hundred girls in its summer school learning to read and write and make calculations.

Cole Dodson was committed to jail Saturday on the charge of killing Jess Fuller—both white—in Greenville city Friday night. Fuller was found in a yard at 1:30 that morning with a bullet wound, from which he died a few hours later, and Fuller is charged with shooting him.

Jas. A. Warren of Columbia had his back broken early Sunday morning in an automobile accident near Brookland while he and Melvin Williams and H. M. Rhodes were returning from Lexington.

Twenty-five gallons of whiskey was found Tuesday in the home of Clarence Jolly in Greenville. He was arrested and the whiskey was poured into a sewer.

Oscar Mitchell was shot and seriously wounded at the Grendell mill, in Greenwood Monday afternoon by Clayton Underwood. The cause is not stated. Underwood is in jail and Mitchell is in the hospital in a serious condition.

The old Irby mansion in Laurens will be reopened as a hospital about September 1st. The Doctors Black of Spartanburg have leased it from Miss Julia Irby.

James Maxwell Hodges, for many years a freight conductor on the Southern died at his home in Greenwood Sunday. He was about sixty years of age and had been sick a long time with diabetes.

Fifteen locomotives of the Maine Central, Boston and Maine and Portland Terminal company were destroyed by fire in the roundhouse at Portland, Maine, Sunday. The damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The jury in the case of Madalynne Obenchain, charged with the murder of J. Bolton Kennedy at Los Angeles, Cal., was discharged because of a failure to agree. H. G. McCartney, deputy district attorney announced that the state planned to try Mrs. Obenchain a third time.

Six people were killed and nine others were more or less seriously injured when a Cincinnati, Lebanon and Northern train ran into a negro Sunday school excursion train at Lester station, near Cincinnati, Ohio, last Tuesday.

A Chicago gas tank containing about 4,000,000 feet exploded Tuesday, injuring a hundred or more people and destroying property to the value of \$50,000.

The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey on Thursday announced a reduction of two cents a gallon in the price of gasoline.

A new gas has been developed for aerial navigation. It is called dirigible gas and costs \$100 a thousand cubic feet less than it costs to produce.

Tom Doyle was charged with carrying a loaded revolver on him on Thursday night at Chester, which was found on him and a young fellow named Griffith were found in an empty car at the railroad station. Griffith resisted arrest. The wound in his arm, quipped him and he then peacefully went to the backup. He was fined \$10 or 30 days in the reformatory.

The union telegraphers of the Big South with headquarters at Columbia, S. C., are taking a strike against the independence of the union of Columbia based.

Deaths in the explosion at August 2nd, in the railroad tunnel, at the summit of the Blue Ridge, China, now are estimated at 7,000, the American consul at Swatow has reported to the American government. The consul added that 100,000 were injured and that 500,000 were homeless.

Josephine Rye, a colored woman, was hanged at Wallburg, Va., last Monday for the murder of James Marston, 80 years of age, on July 22.

Three Jews were arrested in New York for offenses were arrested from the city on Thursday.

**TWELVE GREATEST AMERICANS**

What Poll Showed When Men Discussed as Entitled to Mention.

The recent discussion as to the 12 greatest living American women, made it inevitable that there would be similar efforts to select the 12 greatest men of our country and our time, says the New York Times. Our weekly contemporary, Commerce and Finance, some time ago published an excellent list. The Times publishes a compilation of the lists submitted by a large number of representative men and women. Of more than a hundred different lists named on their lists the twelve following received the greatest number of votes:

- Thomas A. Edison.
- Charles W. Eliot.
- Henry Ford.
- Herbert Hoover.
- Charles Evans Hughes.
- John J. Pershing.
- John D. Rockefeller.
- Ellis Root.
- John S. Sargent.
- William Howard Taft.
- Booth Tarkington.
- Woodrow Wilson.

The list is given in alphabetical order, and it may be invidious to discriminate, but it should be said that Mr. Edison received the highest vote.

Every one will agree that it is a good list. But is greatness, however it may be defined, absolute or relative? Most of those who made selections seem to think it is relative. Miss Elizabeth Marbury was the only compiler who included Babe Ruth, but many appeared to go on the principle of selecting the best man in each field. Now America has attained nothing like the eminence in the arts, for example, which has been won by our scientists and business men. Mr. Tarkington is perhaps the best of our male novelists—the existence of Mrs. Wharton necessitates the sexual qualification—but his pre-eminence is not exactly that of Everest among the Himalayas. General Pershing did a very difficult job with remarkable success, but to say that he and Tarkington and Sargent are greater than Alexander Graham Bell, Charles P. Steinmetz or the Mayo brothers—it has been suggested that they ought to count as one—implies that greatness is divided into watertight compartments.

Must greatness be practical? Senator Borah wastes most of his energy fighting windmills, or vainly bidding the sun stand still; and yet many think that he is one of our 12 greatest men. Must greatness be unintermittent? Orville Wright's fame rests on one achievement; in the subsequent development of the art of flying he has had only a secondary part; yet he and his brother were the first who flew.

Stipular questions are raised by the more ambitious effort of S. S. McClure, in the magazine which is now happily his again, to pick out the hundred greatest living Americans, and the hundred greatest Americans of all time. The selections are to be made by a board of 12 eminent citizens, and the mere appointment of this board offers problems in the metaphysics of greatness. Mr. McClure says that the test of worth is usefulness. But what is usefulness? Walt Whitman was a great poet. Was he useful? Till the last few years hardly anybody read him and if knowledge of his writings is spreading, it can hardly be said that the seagulls have got gone down through the various strata of literal and demilitarized to the underlying masses at whom he aimed.

literati to the underlying masses at whom he aimed. If usefulness is the criterion, the man who invented the soft collar that looks hard will be glorified by millions of his formerly suffering fellow-countrymen, along with Henry Ford and the great unknown who first discovered the chemical affinity of mint leaves and corn whiskey. Robert E. Lee was a great general, but his usefulness is imputed to a man whose energies were employed for the service of a lost cause? Our metaphysicians ought to get together on a definition of greatness, to be cast in platinum and deposited with the Bureau of Standards.

**Weevil Migration Beginning.**

Clemson College, August 14.—Fall migration of the weevil has begun in some sections where the cotton crop is not very good and where fruit formation has practically discontinued. Otherwise, the situation during the past week showed no important change, square formation continuing to vary in different localities from very low to 95 per cent or more, according to reports received today by Prof. A. F. Conrad, Entomologist, who therefore advises continuation of cultivation where possible and of thorough square collecting from the plants and the ground.

Whether poison application should be made after migration depends on conditions. Migration is not yet heavy enough at any point to warrant discontinuation of poisoning. When migration becomes severe and general, no profit may be expected from poisoning. During the past week there have been breezy and dewless nights especially in the Piedmont section. Poisoning on such nights is not recommended, but the application should be made during the first favorable nights though it be a week or so late according to the schedule.

Farmers are urged to use good judgment and not to become panicky. When the weevils become numerous so that all squares are punctured and young bolls are attacked, one or even two applications of poison may be recommended in order to protect as many of the young bolls as possible.

The attitude of the farmers is not always encouraging. Some have kept up cultivation and square collecting diligently while others "laid by" about August 1. It must be emphasized that these old methods and customs will not be satisfactory under weevil conditions, and those who have not yet become reconciled to more diligent methods of farm management throughout the entire growing season will become convinced if they continue their efforts to grow cotton.

Again this season there are many striking illustrations of the great importance of soil building as the fundamental operation in weevil control. The success and profit that may result from poisoning, square collecting or other direct weevil control methods is based on sufficient soil building.

Missouri Pacific railroad locomotive firemen, working between Pueblo and Hovea, Kansas, went on strike at Pueblo, Colorado, Sunday morning because of alleged unsafe equipment.

Glenn E. Plumb, counsel for the 16 larger railroad organizations and another of the celebrated "Plumb plan" of railroad operation and ownership, died in Washington, Tuesday. Death was due to an affection of the heart from which he had suffered for several months.

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**McCormick Weds Ganna Walska.**  
Paris, August 11.—Harold F. McCormick, of Chicago, chairman of the executive committee of the International Harvester Company, and Mrs. Alexander Smith Cochran, known to the music world as Madame Ganna Walska, were married quietly today in the city hall of the select Passy district of Paris. Including the bride and groom only five persons were in the office of the mayor when that dignitary made the couple man and wife.

Dudley Field Malone, of New York, who was attorney for Mrs. Cochran in her divorce proceedings against the wealthy American manufacturer, and Mrs. Malone were witnesses. The entire ceremony lasted less than six minutes from the time that Mr. McCormick, Madame Walska and the Malones left their automobile and entered the city hall. The formality of the marriage bans being posted in the city hall two weeks in advance of the ceremony had been waived by the French authorities as a special privilege.

The wedding party arrived at the city hall at 10:30 o'clock and were immediately ushered into the large private room of Mayor Berthone, who was waiting for them. The bride was dressed in a plain tailor made suit of grey. She wore a small hat of the same color and looked to be in radiant health and spirits. Mr. McCormick also was dressed in a grey suit. He seemed to be in high spirits. City hall officials voted the bridal couple a finely matched pair. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Malone, left the city hall. The destination of the newly weds has been surrounded by strict secrecy, although it is understood they have not gone very far away.

**Cruel Practice to Stop.**  
London, August 8.—An appeal to mothers in the Welsh districts of Carmarthenshire to cease from the practice of cutting their babies' ears at the warning of them, has been made by Dr. David Arthur Harbord, health officer.

An old Welsh custom has been to stir the ears of a baby at the warning the warning of the moon has been made may at a moon to be bright and fever.

**Philadelphia, Aug. 16.**—More than half of the 500 wounded veterans in Walter Reed hospital at Washington, D. C., have undergone blood transfusions. The men who volunteer for the most part are American Legion members who have obtained work around the hospital as ambulance drivers, clerks, special police, etc. The only remuneration these veterans take for giving their blood to their comrades is a ten day leave to recover.

**Death of Respected Negro.**

(Contributed by D. R. Fletcher.)  
On Saturday, August 12th, the funeral of "Uncle" Sam Fletcher, colored, was held at Ebenezer church in the Flat Rock section and was attended by a large number of white and colored people, and his grave was covered with flowers by his white and colored friends. He was 90 years old and had been a slave in the home of your correspondent before the war between the States, and was always upright, honest and square in all of his dealings. He had the record of having dug more graves and killed more hogs for his neighbors than any other man in Kershaw county. For over fifty years he averaged killing twenty hogs a year, aggregating 1,000 in round numbers. When anyone within his reach needed help he never failed to respond to their call. Fifty years ago he settled on a farm owned by J. A. McDowell, which was then all woods, and cleared every acre of it. He had respect for his race but affiliated with them little. He was born a Democrat and died one. He always worked hard but never amassed much of this world's goods. His only possession when he died was the grey mule sold to him by your correspondent about thirty years ago. He joined Rock Springs church many years ago but when it became fashionable to "shoot up" things at the camp-meetings he withdrew from the church. After the war a law was enacted requiring slaves to marry—the women called their wives, but this he declined to do and lived afterward to himself. Talks were made at the funeral by both white and colored, urging the younger generations to follow in some respects the good old man. The following acted as pall-bearers: Dr. W. C. McDowell, T. F. McDowell, Fred Owens, J. E. Gaskin, A. D. Gaskin and D. G. Fletcher, all white.

**Campaign Day at Lugoff.**  
The annual campaign day at Lugoff was held on Thursday, August 17th, at the residence of Dr. R. E. Stevenson, dentist. The day was spent in a series of lectures and addresses on the subject of the campaign. The following were the speakers: Dr. R. E. Stevenson, Dr. W. C. McDowell, Dr. T. F. McDowell, Dr. Fred Owens, Dr. J. E. Gaskin, Dr. A. D. Gaskin, and Dr. D. G. Fletcher.

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